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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Phillip A Johnston	2881

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 26 April 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) The period for reply expires 4 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.

2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:

- (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.

6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-18.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____.

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Regarding Argument 1, Applicant states "None of the references describe an electrostatic objective lens, that is, electrostatic electrodes for focusing the primary beam" The applicant is respectfully directed to Iwabuchi (124) Column 5, line 35-41, which states; when a voltage is applied to the deflecting electrode device 17, an electric field having a component in the direction perpendicular to the optical axis of the electron beam is generated. The electric field component thus generated corrects a lateral electric field component generated on the optical axis of the electron beam when the sample stage 10 is tilted, to suppress generation of astigmatism (i.e. keep the beam in focus). Regarding Argument 2, Applicant states "Iwabuchi neither expressly teaches nor implies that control unit 18 applies a voltage to sample 10. The connection shown between control unit 18 and sample stage 10 is required to determine the tilt". The applicant is respectfully directed to Iwabuchi (124), Column 7, line 63-67; and Column 8, line 1-5, which states; When a negative voltage is applied to the sample 8, the information signal electron 15 is accelerated and thereby it has a stronger energy as described above, and accordingly it is desired that a voltage applied to the deflecting electrode is controlled to generate a stronger deflecting action. For example, when a negative voltage is applied to the sample, a voltage applied to the deflecting electrode may be controlled to be larger than a voltage applied to the deflecting electrode when such a negative voltage is not applied to the sample. The examiner has interpreted that the sample and the electrode 17 are electrically connected..



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